



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES**

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**— NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING —
CHILDREN’S JUSTICE ACT (CJA) TASK FORCE**

DATE:	Tuesday, March 24, 2009
TIME:	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm (or until adjourned)
LOCATION:	<u>CARSON CITY</u> : Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (DCFS) • Conference Room 4126 Technology Way, Second Floor • Carson City, NV 89706
TELECONFERENCE ACCESS:	Dial this toll-free number: 1.888.363.4735 Enter this conference code, followed by the # sign: 5254082

AGENDA

- The meeting will not commence until on or after the designated start time. The meeting will be adjourned after all scheduled agenda items have been addressed, which may be before or after the estimated end time.
- The meeting time frames for individual items are estimated in order to provide reasonable guidelines for public attendees who wish to hear about certain topics, but may not be able to attend the entire meeting. These times are not guaranteed unless designated as time-certain on the agenda.
- Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair in order to accommodate persons appearing before the Task Force and/or to aid in the time efficiency of the meeting.
- If members of the public participate in the meeting, they must identify themselves when requested under agenda item one.
- Public comment is welcomed by the Task Force but may be limited to five minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair.
- Public comment is for discussion only, and action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting, per NRS 241.020.
- Action items are noted by an asterisk (*) and typically include review, approval, denial, and/or postponement of specific items. Certain items may be referred to a subcommittee for additional review and action.
- The Task Force is pleased to provide reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and require special arrangements or assistance at the meeting. If assistance is required, please notify Task Force staff by phone or by e-mail no later than three working days prior to the meeting, as follows: Andrew Zeiser • Tel: 775.786.1328 • e-mail: andrew@azconsulting.us

Estimated Time:	Items:	Primary Speaker(s):
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	1. * Call to order, roll call, introductions	Candy Hunter
	2. * Approve minutes from previous CJA Task Force meeting: January 27, 2009	Candy Hunter
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	3. * Presentation: Child and Family Team (CFT) process and related child and family advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action may surround additional requests for information or collaboration related to the CFT process 	Lydia Snead

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2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	4. * Update: Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Statewide Assessment	Cynthia Freeman
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	5. * Review and approve CJA Task Force bylaws	Candy Hunter Andrew Zeiser
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	6. * Updates on current projects related to CJA triennial objectives and action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, discuss, and approve specific actions based on approved CJA triennial objectives 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Objective 1:</u> Ensure that child protection workers complete the basic core training, and that opportunities for intermediate and advanced training, especially in children’s mental health, are developed as the budget permits. The CJA Task Force will partner with DCFS to ensure that training opportunities are offered when available to other disciplines outside of existing child protective services (CPS) staff training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide training update • Review training budget and use of CJA funds 	Cynthia Freeman
	<p><u>Objective 2:</u> Support and monitor the ICWA collaborative process designed to address eight priority areas of focus throughout a five-year plan. Ascertain if training needs are met for the tribes, social workers, and court personnel in the new process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICWA Steering Committee and TALCIT Subcommittee updates 	Norma Moyle
	<p><u>Objective 3:</u> Continue work on a rural telemedicine project to provide expert consultation for diagnosis of child abuse, neglect, and sexual assault. Activities will include the development of a strategic action plan for project implementation, identification of rural health care providers, and investigation of funding opportunities for infrastructure and operating costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set next Telemedicine Workgroup meeting date 	Candy Hunter
	<p><u>Objective 4:</u> Provide funds to Clark, Washoe, and rural counties to purchase technology to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect. Review expenditure reports and identify successful applications for use by the other counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on rural region plan for SFY 2009 	Larry Robb
	<p><u>Objective 5:</u> Collaborate with the Court Improvement Project (CIP) and Juvenile Justice system to support initiatives and activities that improve the handling of family court cases, including the appointment of attorneys, GALs, or CASAs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on recommendations to CIP regarding legal representation for children at the beginning of cases, 12-month mark, and 18-month mark 	Kathy O’Leary
	<p><u>Objective 6:</u> Ensure that DCFS completes changes to the UNITY system to track referrals made to NEIS for developmental assessments, and implements a system of data cross-checks between UNITY and NEIS to ensure consistent referral by CPS caseworkers and follow-up by NEIS staff. Conduct targeted case reviews by the Nevada Citizen Review Panel (CRP) to determine if CAPTA-required referrals are made by CPS in compliance with policy, and if screening and treatment is completed by NEIS and/or private providers.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on UNITY changes • Update on referral to CRP 	Betsey Crumrine
	<p>Objective 7: Investigate adherence to ASFA permanency planning rules by obtaining information on any compelling reasons and the length of time children spend in custody and out-of-home placements to determine the number/percentage of cases not in compliance with ASFA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review support data on the length of time children in State or county custody are in in-home and out-of-home placements 	Betsey Crumrine Otto Lynn
	<p>Objective 8: Promote developmentally appropriate visitation with parents, siblings, and other relatives through targeted case reviews of existing practices by the Nevada Citizen Review Panel (CRP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Washoe forms and policies related to parental visitation • Review Clark policy related to parental visitation • Update on referral to CRP 	Candy Hunter Kathy O'Leary
	7. Public comment (Discussion only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.)	Candy Hunter
	8. * Review remaining 2009 meeting dates and set topics as needed <u>Proposed dates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, June 9, 2009 • Tuesday, August 11, 2009 • Tuesday, October 13, 2009 	Candy Hunter Andrew Zeiser
	9. * Adjournment	Candy Hunter

Public notices for this meeting have been posted in compliance with NRS 241.020 at the following locations:

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs** 311 E Washington Street, Carson City, NV
- **Children's Cabinet** 1090 S Rock Blvd., Reno, NV
- **Clark County Department of Family Services** 601 N Pecos, Las Vegas, NV
- **Legislative Counsel Bureau** 401 S Carson Street, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Department of Health and Human Services** 4126 Technology Way, Suite 101, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 4126 Technology Way, Third Floor, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 6171 W Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Information Management Services** 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC)** 100 Youth Center Drive, Elko, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Youth Parole Bureau** 620 Belrose Street, Las Vegas, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services** 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 101, Elko, NV
- **State of Nevada – Division of Child and Family Services – Desert Willow Treatment Center** 6171 W Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV
- **United Way of Southern Nevada** 1660 E Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV
- **Washoe County Department of Social Services** 350 S Center Street, Reno, NV
- **Washoe County Library – South Valleys** 15650A Wedge Parkway Reno, NV